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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Today I write to express my opinion regarding the Microsoft antitrust settlement. I believe that the settlement is fair and beneficial to everyone involved. It is therefore in the best interests of our country that this issue be resolved.

Through a court-appointed mediator Microsoft has settled on the terms of this agreement, which goes beyond the original scope of the case. Microsoft has agreed to change procedures that were not originally an issue in this lawsuit. An example of this is Microsoft's agreement to disclose the internal interfaces of its Windows system to its competitors.

Clearly Microsoft is interested in resolving this issue. I believe that it is time we do just that.

Sincerely,

James Caudill